

Crazy Ask Week 4 – As You Wish Spiritual Formation Guide

We hope you'll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday's service and reflect on it with a few friends or with a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take a next spiritual step, contact us at info@wschurch.org.

Scripture:

At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him. ⁶⁷ Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, "Are you also going to leave?"

John 6:66-67

Give me neither poverty nor riches. Give me just enough to satisfy my needs. Proverbs 30:8

"The Son of Man must suffer many terrible things," he said. "He will be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead."

Then Jesus said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it."

Luke 9:22-23

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear MUCH FRUIT. Apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:5

Reflection Questions:

- Have you ever said YES to a question when you didn't fully know what was involved? What was it and why did you say yes?
- What stood out to you from Sunday's service? How did you sense God's Spirit speaking to you through the songs, the message, and being together with others as part of the church?
- Read John 6:66-67. Jesus asked the people following him if they were going to stay with him or leave? How would you answer that guestion from Jesus honestly?

- Eddie shared that several things that can cause us to drift away from church:
 - Affluence (Read Proverbs 30:8)
 - Habits
 - Keeping My Options Open

Have you noticed any of these ever affecting you?

- Do you resist commitment when it comes to church, or do you embrace it? Why?
- Read Luke 9:22-23. Read it several times, slowly. If you have time, read it in several different Bible translations. How do you react to Jesus' words?
- Eddie shared some specific expectations of Jesus' crazy ask to follow Him:
 - Jesus expected people to follow him without knowing what it might eventually cost them.
 - Jesus wants full devotion without the benefit of a full explanation.
 - God expects us full-time without the benefit of a full itinerary.
 - Full obedience despite the absence of full agreement.

Which of those stand out to you as especially challenging? Have you ever wrestled with this?

- Read John 15:5. One of the marks of a disciple of Jesus is that they bear MUCH fruit. Is there something Jesus is asking you to do in response to this teaching?
- The worship team sang a song, "I'm So Glad I Met Jesus" by Thrive Worship.

 Listen to it this week and let the words guide your prayer and worship. Find a link to listed at www.wschurch.org/songs.

Looking for some ways to grow and be stretched spiritually? Check out our highlighted resources at www.wschurch.org/resources. These resources can be purchased using the links or are available for a small donation at the Next Steps area on Sunday mornings.